Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government thinks that there is no real necessity to keep such a register.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But my information is otherwise.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We are not responsible for impressions. We are responsible for facts only.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But the facts are otherwise.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is another matter.

Hindu cremation ground in Irinjalakkuda.

117. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware of the existence of a cremation ground for Hindus in one of the Bazaars of Irinjalakkuda town close to the local Christian Churches, the Sirkar Girls' High School and a public tank;

(2) whether they have received any petition requesting that it may be shifted from its present place to a more inoffensive site;

(3) whether they have referred any of these petitions to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; and if so, what his opinion is; a copy of his report may be placed on the Table;

(4) if his opinion be that it may be shifted, whether the Government have taken any action in that direction; and if so, what it is;

(5) whether the present Diwan Peishkar has made any report about it; and if so, a copy of his latest report may be placed on the Table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes; the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer thought that the present cremation grounds should be shifted.

(4) Yes; Government asked the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to select another site.

(5) Yes. The Diwan Peishkar reported on the proposal to acquire new sites and on the objections raised against the closing of the present site. The Panchayat also objected to the closure.

Government do not consider it necessary to publish these reports.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will that be according to that order or will that not be? Government gave an order to select another site.

President.—Was the site selected?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

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